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children by the first marriage were: Patience, Decker, Sarah, Joseph, Betty, Edmund, Stephen, James and Nathaniel.

(VI) Joseph, second son of Colonel Edmund and Betty (Meserve) Phinney, was born March 14, 1757, and died September 10, 1825. He was a farmer and plow-maker. He married, June 18, 1780, Susanna Crockett, daughter of Peletiah and Mary. She was born in Stratham, New Hampshire, May 14, 1761, and died January 15, 1838, aged seventy-seven. Their children were: Mary, Eunice, Hannah, Stephen, Nathaniel, Rebecca, Phebe and Patience, who married Ebenezer Scott Thomes Files (see Files III).

Nathaniel and John Harmon, HARMON brothers, were in Massachusetts in the second decade of its colonization. From the former have sprung the principal subjects of this sketch, while John settled at Springfield, and from him have come the Harmons of Vermont, Connecticut and New York.

(I) Nathaniel Harmon settled at Mount Wollaston (Braintree), Massachusetts, in 1640, and was made a freeman May 10, 1643. He married Mary, daughter of Thomas Bliss, of Rehoboth, and had children: Nathaniel, Mary, John, Sarah, Jonathan and Ephraim.

(II) John, son of Nathaniel and Mary (Bliss) Harmon, removed from Mount Wollaston, Massachusetts, to Wells, Maine, in 1677. He had been a soldier in King Philip's war, 1675-76, and fought in the decisive contest of that struggle. He had land in a grant to the soldiers who took part in that war, made by the Massachusetts Bay and Plymouth colonies, and in 1677 took up that portion of the grant to which he was entitled, on the river in Wells. His wife, whom he married about 1679, was named Sarah. They had children: John, Sarah, Samuel, Mary, William and Nathaniel.

(III) Samuel, second son and third child of John and Sarah Harmon, was born in Wells, Maine, June 15, 1686. He purchased several large tracts of land at Scottaway Hill, afterward known as Harmon's Hill, in Scarborough, Maine, built a mill on the river there, known as Harmon's mill, and settled at the place in 1728. He became a comfortable land owner and a representative man of the section, and resided there until his death. He married, March 19, 1707, Mercy Stinson; children: Mercy, Sarah, Samuel, Jr., John, William, James and George.

(IV) John (2), second son and fourth

child of Samuel and Mercy (Stinson) Harmon, was born in Wells, Maine, about 1718, and died in Standish, where he had lived for some years prior to his death. After the close of the Indian wars he removed with his parents to Scarborough about 1728. He was married (first) December 2, 1742, to Mary Hasty, who died December 10, 1753. Their children were: Abigail, Mary, died young; Daniel, John and Mary. He married (second) Widow Abigail (Hoyt) Foss and had children: William, Josiah, Elliot, Rufus, Benjamin and Anna.

(V) Josiah, second son and child of John (2) and Abigail (Hoyt) (Foss) Harmon, was born in Scarborough, November 5, 1759, and died in Corinna, about 1845. He purchased from Thomas Morton, July 3, 1805, a farm in Standish, to which he removed and on which he lived until May 4, 1827, when he sold it to his son Josiah, of Thorndike. He then removed to Thorndike and later to Corinna, where he ended his days. He was a veteran of the revolutionary war, having served as a fifer, with his brother William as a drummer, while both were still lads. He married Anna, born March 16, 1764, second child of Peter and Joanna (Shaw) Moulton, and great-great-granddaughter of Henry Moulton, one of the grantees of Hampton, New Hampshire. They had children: Peter, Luther, Josiah and Elias.

(VI) Josiah (2), son of Josiah (1) and Anna (Moulton) Harmon, was born in Scarborough, Maine. He established himself as a general trader in business at Thorndike about 1820, and was later succeeded by his son, Trueman. He married Betsey, daughter of John and Betsey (Knowles) Gordon, first of Mount Vernon and later of Thorndike, Maine. Their children were: Abigail, died young; Trueman, see forward; Frank; Daniel; Lydia, married ——— Tabor; Ralph; Elizabeth, married Dr. Albert Lincoln, of Gorham, Maine; Josiah Wesley, of Old Town, Maine, recently deceased.

(VII) Trueman, eldest son and second child of Josiah (2) and Betsey (Gordon) Harmon, was born in Thorndike, Maine, September 18, 1825, and died in Deering, Maine, May 15, 1886. Upon the completion of his education in the common schools and the academy, he entered upon a career as a trader in Thorndike, and proved very successful in his business ventures. He took an active part in politics and became well known throughout that section of the state of Maine. He was appointed collector of the port of Belfast by

President Lincoln, in 1861, holding the office for ten years, when he removed with his family to Deering, Maine, now a part of Portland. He was married at Thorndike, Maine, December 15, 1850, by Rev. Gould F. Elliott, to Harriett, born December 5, 1825, died November 8, 1903, daughter of Ebenezer Scott Thomes and Patience (Phinney) Files (see Files). They had children: Charles S., born August 18, 1854; Annie B., born June 22, 1865, married Fred Vivian Matthews (see Matthews); Harry True, born May 17, 1869, now all residents of Portland (1909).

This second line of the HODGDON Hodgdon family were residents of Maine, living in or about Boothbay, and descended from progenitors already mentioned.

(V) Captain Thomas Hodgdon, tradition says, was a son, but dates of record indicate that it is more probable that he was a grandson of Alexander and Jane (Shackford) Hodgdon, a great-grandson of Jeremiah and Ann (Thwaits) Hodgdon, of Kittery, Maine, and a great-great-grandson of Nicholas and Esther (Wines) Hodgdon. He was born about 1735, in Boston or Kittery, and about 1757, with an elder brother, Caleb, went from there and settled on Jeremy Squam Island, now Westport, Maine. Joseph, undoubtedly another brother, settled for a time in Townsend, the adjoining town, at about this time, and was there in 1764, a petitioner for the incorporation of the town of Boothbay; and Benjamin, probably another brother, was in Edgcomb, another adjoining town, in 1777. Thomas Hodgdon was a prominent man, captain of a company in Colonel William Jones's regiment in the revolution, under a commission dated May 8, 1776. His son John's father-in-law, John Dunton, a man of great stature, strength and endurance, was lieutenant in Captain Hodgdon's company. They also participated in the expedition against Majorbagaduce (Castine, Maine), in 1779, and in other important service during the revolution. Thomas Hodgdon was the progenitor of a numerous race. His children were: Thomas, Jr., Benjamin, John, see forward, Joseph, Caleb, Prudence, Rebecca, Abigail and Mercy.

(VI) John, third son of Captain Thomas Hodgdon, was born at Jeremy Squam Island, February 10, 1769. He married (first) Deborah Dunton, born June 10, 1774, died February 6, 1812, sixth child of Lieutenant John and Abigail (Walker) Dunton, and granddaughter of Andrew and Mary (Grant)

Walker, of Woolwich, Maine. Mr. Hodgdon married (second) Lucy, daughter of Zebediah Farnham, of Westport, and she was the mother of six children. The seventeen children of John Hodgdon were: Emerson, John, Timothy, see forward, Lowell, Abigail, Alfred, Rebecca, Elvira, Edwin, Ira, Samuel, Warren, Rufus, Cyrus, Lucy, Ann and Mary.

(VII) Timothy, third son of John and Deborah (Dunton) Hodgdon, was born at Westport, near Boothbay, March 13, 1798, and died at Boothbay, October 19, 1881. Prior to his marriage he settled on a large farm on Sawyer's Island, Boothbay, where the remainder of his life was spent. In the war of 1812 he served as a boy in the militia for coast guard at Wiscasset, Maine. He married, July 20, 1820, Frances Tibbetts, of Boothbay, born December 2, 1801, died January 28, 1875, and whose ancestry will be found below. Of their children, four died in infancy, nine married and had children. Those who lived to marry were: Zina H., Mary E., George F., James Payson, Angelia F., Roxanna S., Alonzo K., Lovesta, who married Captain Elbridge Matthews (see Matthews VIII), and Roscoe G.

Henry Tibbetts (I) and Jeremiah Tibbetts (II) are written of elsewhere in this work.

(III) Samuel, sixth child of Jeremiah and Mary (Canny) Tibbetts, was born in 1666, and died in 1738. He was a tanner and farmer by occupation, and a captain in the colonial army. He was married, by Rev. John Pike, September 2, 1686, to Dorothy Tuttle, of Dover, and they had nine children.

(IV) Ichabod, fifth son of Samuel and Dorothy (Tuttle) Tibbetts, was born in 1690, and died February 25, 1746. He was a farmer and tanner, also a captain in the colonial army, and saw active service during the early wars. He married his cousin, Abigail Tibbetts, by whom he had eight children.

(V) Nathaniel, fourth child of Ichabod and Abigail (Tibbetts) Tibbetts, was born at Dover, August 30, 1727. He settled at Boothbay, Maine, about 1759, with the members of his wife's family, built a log house in the Dover district, but shortly afterward built farther north in the same district. He married Elizabeth Giles, born in Dover in 1729, died in Boothbay, June 1, 1822, daughter of Mark and Lydia Elizabeth (Tibbetts) Giles, of Dover. Their children were: Ichabod, Nathaniel, John, Giles, Abigail, Mark, Judith, Rebecca, James, Sarah and Polly.

(VI) James, ninth child and youngest son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Giles) Tibbetts,